

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Red Maple
Acer rubrum

This deciduous tree is native to Eastern North America and is quite common in urban areas. Many varieties have been cultivated to fit into a multitude of planting sites. The Red Maple has four inch leaves with three or four toothed lobes. The flowers are small and red, appearing in dense clusters in the early spring. The red maple has red shoots and fantastic fall color. The red maple is often found in moist sites, and grows to 80 feet tall.

Picture courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes. Published by DK Publishing.



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

Urban and Community Forestry Month is here again, so let's get out there and plant some trees! Keep reading to see how you can participate in the Trees for the 21st Century and plant free trees in your community. When planning your project, it is important to select quality trees and practice proper planting techniques to ensure that the young trees survive. It is also imperative to select a tree species that is appropriate to the site. If you would like information on how to properly select and plant trees, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE (8733). - Sarah

Celebrate Fall Trees in Tacoma

The Washington State History Museum is proud to host its annual program **Celebrating Washington's Trees** on Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the museum will be free all day. **Celebrating Washington's Trees** features unique trees and plants for sale by specialty nurseries, as well as information and activity booths, hands-on demonstrations, craft displays, presentations, and performances. Family activities will include arts and crafts with leaves and cones, and a scavenger hunt. **Celebrating Washington's Trees** highlights trees and their significance in the Pacific Northwest. Trees and timber products have been central to many Washington communities, and Washington is a center of environmental awareness and concern. **Celebrating Washington's Trees** will serve to increase public awareness, enhance understanding of the relationship between people of the "Evergreen State" and trees and forests, and promote environmental stewardship. Sponsors of this event include Simpson Tacoma Kraft, Lakewold Gardens, Metro Parks, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, and the City of Tacoma. The Washington State History Museum, flagship of the Washington State Historical Society, is located at 1911 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma, just off of I-5. For more information, including hours and driving directions, please call 1-888-BE-THERE (238-4373), or visit www.wshs.org.

Free Millennium Trees for Washington Communities

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is joining forces with the Washington Community Forestry Council and the Washington Arbor Day Council to present the "Trees for the 21st Century" program. With funding provided by the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, "Trees for the 21st Century" encourages individuals and groups to plant and maintain more trees — in neighborhood greenbelts, along roads, near creeks and streams, in parks, school yards, and other public places. Before year's end, "Trees for the 21st Century" will give away at least one tree to every community in Washington to commemorate the new millennium. Five tree species are being offered for their cultural or historical significance to the state; they are the Western Redcedar, Paper Birch, Kousa Dogwood, Western Hemlock, or the Ginkgo. By participating and caring for these trees, you and your community will provide a living legacy for current and future residents. **Due to the source of funding for this program, only cities, counties, schools and other public groups can receive free trees. If you are a private individual, please find a public partner. These trees must be planted on public property.** Participating groups may purchase one of the listed trees at a local nursery and submit their receipt for reimbursement. Details are listed on the website at <http://www.wa.gov/dnr/htdocs/rp/urban/arbor/21st/arbor1.htm>, by e-mail at urban_forestry@wadnr.gov or by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Community Forestry Field Day

The Washington Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program and the Yakima Area Arboretum are holding a Community Forestry Field Day on October 14, 2000. This event is free to the public and will be held at the Yakima Area Arboretum. You are invited to come visit the Arboretum and learn how to properly plant and care for trees in your yard and your community. Instructors will teach about planting, pruning, and backyard composting. Certified Arborists with the International Society of Arboriculture will be on hand to instruct about proper tree care, planting and pruning techniques. The Yakima Master Composters will demonstrate how to compost and the benefits of having a backyard compost pile. They will also discuss the benefits of worms in your compost bin. In addition to the stations, a discussion of community forestry and what can be done to plant, preserve, and protect trees in your community will be held. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., and the event will finish by 3 p.m. For more information or to register for the event, please call Sarah Foster at 1-800-523-TREE.

In the works (continued)

"The clearest way into the universe is
through a forest wilderness."

-John Muir

TRIVIA: What three types of pigments are involved in fall leaf color?

(answer is upside down below, for more
information on why leaves change colors,
visit [http://willow.ncfes.umn.edu/leaves/
leaves.htm](http://willow.ncfes.umn.edu/leaves/leaves.htm))

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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Arbor Day Posters Available

Replications of the National Arbor Day Foundations 5th Grade Poster Contest National Winner are available. The national winner was Jonathan Zander, of Snohomish, Washington. The poster depicts children playing in trees native to Washington State, and portrays the theme "Trees are Terrific...in all Shapes and Sizes" perfectly! Call the TreeLink Hotline for your copy!

Trees Mean Business

Dr. Kathleen Wolf, of the University of Washington, will discuss her research on the economic benefits of trees in business districts at the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus on October 17, 2000. The workshop, sponsored by the Mid-Columbia Community Forestry Council, will be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Local decision makers, business owners, and those interested in urban trees are welcome to come to this free program. The program will be held in the WSU Tri-Cities Auditorium. Call the TreeLink Hotline for details.

PSURP Grants Available

The Puget Sound Urban Resources Partnership (PSURP) announces the availability of funding and technical assistance for community-led environmental projects in the urban Puget Sound area. PSURP seeks to support local, community-based efforts to improve the urban natural environment by pooling available resources, leveraging funding and building sustainable partnerships, with a focus on degraded and under served areas. See <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/partners/> or call King County DNR at (206) 296-8042 for details.

2000 Tree City USA Forum

The City of Woodinville and the Woodinville Tree Board are hosting the 2000 Tree City USA Forum on November 8, 2000. All Tree City USA's are invited to participate as this is a great opportunity to meet other Tree City USA participants and learn about programs around Washington! Additional information and an agenda will be sent out in October...so keep an eye on the mailbox! For those of you that are not Tree Cities yet...the four criteria include: establish a tree board or commission, write and pass a tree ordinance, document a \$2 per capita expenditure on tree-related matters, and celebrate Arbor Day. For more information on the Tree City USA Forum or the Tree City USA program, please call the TreeLink Hotline.

Six Solutions to the Overgrown Yard- Spanish language version. Plant Amnesty is pleased to announce that "The Slideshow of Pruning Horrors and Pruning Micro-course" has been renamed, translated into Spanish and is available to the public. Two hundred videos are available free of charge to the public, agencies, organizations and businesses. An \$8.00 postage and handling fee is requested. The video can be used to educate grounds crews, individual homeowners, or community groups who are engaged in volunteer activities. For details, contact Plant Amnesty at (206) 783-9813.

October

- 1 National Tree Trust Grant Applications due. Contact Sherita Alai at 1-800-846-8733 x 26.
- 4 Landscape Trade Show and Field Day, Puyallup. Contact WALP at 1-800-833-2186 or at www.walp.org/tradeshow.html.
- 6-7 Green Industry Trade Show and Seminars, Stadium Exhibition Center, Seattle. For more information, call 1-877-GREEN55 or on the Internet at www.emeraldexpo.com.
- 6-8 Master Gardener Advanced Training, Wenatchee. Contact the Chelan County Master Gardeners Foundation at (509) 664-5540 for more information.
- 14 Community Forestry Field Day, Yakima. Contact the TreeLink Hotline for details.
- 17 Trees Mean Business, WSU Tri-Cities Auditorium. Call the TreeLink Hotline for details.
- 18 Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting, Kennewick. For details, call 1-800-523-TREE.

November

- 1 Tree Line USA Applications due. Contact Sarah Foster at (360) 902-1704 for more information.
- 8 Tree City USA Forum, Woodinville. Contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.